

Committee report

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
Date	18 JULY 2012
Title	FIRE AUTHORITY INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN
Report of	CABINET MEMBER FOR FIRE, CULTURE AND RESIDENT'S SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Isle of Wight as the Fire and Rescue Authority has a statutory duty under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 to produce an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), which identifies how Fire and Rescue Authorities work with communities to identify and protect them from risk and to prevent incidents from occurring.
2. The National Framework 2012, which sets out the expectations of Government from the Fire and Rescue Services, is clear of the intent for an IRMP, namely "*Fire and Rescue Authorities Integrated Risk Management Plans must*
 - *Demonstrate how prevention, protection and response activities will best be used to mitigate the impact of risk on communities through Authorities working either individually or collectively in a cost effective way and,*
 - *Set out their management strategy and risk based programme for enforcing the provisions of the Fire Safety Order and must make provision to respond to incidents such as fires, road traffic accidents and emergencies within their area, and in other areas, in line with their mutual aid agreements and reflect this in their Integrated Risk Management Plans.*"
3. The Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service (IWFRS) has taken the revised guidance within the National Framework as an opportunity to revise the existing Integrated Risk Management Plan. Therefore, the IRMP presented today is more clearly aligned taking into account a broader range of partner organisations risks both locally and nationally. They are namely the Isle of Wight Council and partners through the joint strategic needs assessment, the local resilience forum through the community risk register and, national resilience through the national risk register. Aligned to that are Fire specific risks both locally identified and nationally.
4. The Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority are recommended to approve this Integrated Risk management Plan and annual report.

BACKGROUND

5. We have combined the Annual Report within the Integrated Risk management Plan to more clearly demonstrate both what we have achieved and what we plan to do to continue to improve and manage risks on the Island. The approach we have taken is to ensure our risk based approach is more long-term in its view, and aligned more clearly with other partner agencies and organisations with whom we operate on a day-to-day basis.
6. We have taken the approach to establish a new set of clear concise priorities for the Service which now more clearly aligns with the activities of the Service. We have identified the main risks, we have presented the controls we need to mitigate and manage that risk both locally and nationally. We have then reviewed the resources, both in terms of people, equipment, capital and revenue, and established stronger evaluation and review processes to ensure we continue to deliver on the improvements that the IWFRS has been recognised for.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

7. This IRMP has a direct impact on a number of our corporate priorities.
8. The modern Fire and Rescue Service has evolved and in particular our prevention and protection activities as well as our response is now delivered on a more robust risk basis. Through a number of activities set out within the IRMP, we are able to demonstrate where the Service has and will impact on the following key priorities:
 - Raising educational standards
 - Keeping children safe
 - Supporting older and vulnerable residents
 - Housing and homelessness
 - Regeneration and the economy
 - Delivery of budget savings through changed service provision

CONSULTATION

9. Consultation has and continues to take place with staff, trade unions and elected members through scrutiny. Partners have been consulted with limited external consultation taking place.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE VIEW

10. The IRMP was presented to the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel on 30 May 2012 with positive support for the paper as it stands.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no financial implications within this report as the IRMP is intended to be delivered from within existing budgets.
12. Financial advice was provided by the Directorate Accountant

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The production of an IRMP is a statutory duty to Fire Authorities under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
14. Legal advice has been sought

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

15. A draft equality Impact Assessment screening has been undertaken and is within the background papers. This is an ongoing process and will be revised and developed based upon consultation feedback.

PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

16. The property implications are applicable to one of the activities within the plan around relocating the FRS HQ to Newport Fire Station. This was however an activity approved previously and the activity identified within this years plan merely sets out to deliver the transfer.
17. Property Services have been consulted throughout.

SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

18. As a key partner within the community safety partnership we are aware of the duties under Section 17 and some activities within the plan (LIFE Plus for example) are to be designed as part of a crime reduction process.

OPTIONS

19. The Fire Authority have the following options:
 1. Approve the IRMP 2012 – 15 and Annual Report
 2. Not approve the IRMP and require amendments

RISK MANAGEMENT

20. The Integrated Risk Management Plan is by definition the plan that sets out how we identify and manage risks within the Service and as such covers the risk management issues.
21. Insurance and Risk have been consulted.

EVALUATION

22. The Fire Authority must have an effective IRMP as previously set out and as such this determines the options presented.

RECOMMENDATION

23. Approve the IRMP 2012 – 15 and Annual Report

APPENDICES ATTACHED

[Appendix A](#) - Draft Fire Authority Integrated Risk management Plan 2012-15

[Appendix B](#) - Equality Impact Assessment

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Draft national Framework is available at
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/fire/pdf/2039159.pdf>

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